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Sen. Van Woerkom announces opportunities to learn more about new Medicare drug benefit

LANSING — Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, today announced that senior citizens can have their questions about Medicare's new drug benefit answered in person in the coming weeks.

"Seniors could save a lot on their prescriptions with this new Medicare benefit," Van Woerkom said. "I encourage them to learn more about the program and sign up."

To help get their questions answered and see the options available to them, people should bring a list of prescriptions, their Medicare card, list of preferred pharmacies and correspondence related to the new drug benefit received from employers, government agencies or Medigap providers.

If people believe they qualify for the program's low-income subsidy, they should bring bank or credit union statements, investment statements, tax returns, life insurance policies and payroll stubs.

Seniors can get their Medicare drug benefit questions answered at the following locations:

April 3

Patterson Pharmacy 2144 Hoyt St. Muskegon 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (231) 722-2564

April 5

Hackley Public Library 316 W. Webster Ave. Muskegon 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (231) 722-7276

April 19

Pine Grove Manor 1764 E. Apple Ave Muskegon 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. (231) 773-5563

Contact: Jeff Cobb

517-373-1635

April 24

K-Mart 1501 Apple Ave. Muskegon 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (231) 777-2516

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People also can visit the Web site, www.mymedicarematters.org, to get more information.

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